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## ADVERTISING THE CANAL

Anyhow, if the Panama Canal dicted; if the volume of commerce elsewhere." through it is smaller than has been computed by the forecasters; if it VOCATIONAL TRAINING fails to live up to expectations as a regulator of transcontinental freight getting itself talked about.

### ONLY THE BEGINNING.

The debate in the Senate will not be lems manfully and courageously. the time a final vote is taken in the pupil the necessary training. upper house Senators and everybody There is a certain social waste in President, it will pass.

has added to the intensity of the ticular training needed. Such would controversy and, in the long run, in- seem to be possible in our own stead of having shortened it, has schools.

## ORGANIZING IN THE COUNTRY.

Education in the South, which will Gary, where, under the wise guidsystematic attempt will be made to revolutionary methods are already Farragut square, or review the as they were out tramping with their United States. organize the social, economic and under way here, in a city where the baby-carriage parade on Connectricts of the United States. This dominates, tremendous strides have conference will be well worth watch- been taken toward vocational guid- any of the thoroughfares of the

those in charge of the Louisville ning with the extension of help to town is the proverbial "stamping meeting believe that the way to or- groping youth Washington's Cham- ground" of the nursemaid and ganize is to organize. Instead of ber of Commerce has made a begin- baby contingent of Washington merely talking about it, the various ning. Intelligent co-operation on the groups of farmers, business men, part of parents and educators alone society. country women, preachers, doctors, is needed. editors, and school workers, will constitute themselves an organization for immediate work, just as if they were organizing permanently. They will adopt constitution and by-laws, and go through the regular order of To the Editor of THE TIMES business of co-operative associations, so that those present will be able is the first intelligent presentation of the to start similar organizations in situation I have see in an American their home communities.

The leaders will bring plank forms to hide the true issue. used in their work to show all the What American readers are aware of important details of managing co- the fact that the landlords of Ulaer are conflict. They cannot help it. the farm house, its equipment, its these fields toward producing an efficiently organized rural community. To mark the complete homeonic transfer of the plainest sort of ancestry, but able to join the group because him unprepared? ty. To mark the complete harmony All honor so the greatest liberal cabibetween the work of the school and net which Great Britain has ever posthe work of the community the sessed strong enough and honest enough Southern Educational Association, rather than betray popular rights. with a membership composed of rep-

"The Conference for Education in the South is unique among educa-By The Washington Times Company tional meetings," declares Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, "Its discussions are not confined to educational theory, school organization, and schoolroom practice, but include rather the broader problems of education in their relation to industrial and commercial life. Every question on the program is considered with reference to its practical application to life and conditions in the Southern States. This gives the conference a peculiar value, not only for those interested in the general problems of in't the success that has been pre- also for those with similar interest education and life in the South, but

Washington's Chamber of Comrates; if cities along the Atlantic and merce is exercised over the question the Gulf and the Pacific fail to of vocational training in the public realize their hopes, in enlarged busi- schools. The suggestion is made ness, it will not be i norder for any- that each child shall receive that body to complain that the new training which his future shall dewaterway hasn't been advertised. If | mand and thus the woful waste in it doesn't succeed in anything else education be stopped. No one who it will have to be admitted that the has had the least acquaintance with canal is a wonder in the matter of educational methods will deny that the school training given every boy and girl is based upon pressure from above. The demand of the college shapes the secondary school and the The country has heard only the secondary school, in turn, puts its beginning of the Panama Canal tolls pressure upon the grades. Only in controversy. This is at least one the kindergarten, perhaps, is the settled fact which cannot be disput- teacher free to work upon the actual ed. The repeal bill will be voted on needs of the pupil. Yet there is in the House under a cloture rule much question as to how far the restricting debate early this week. schools can go in revising present As the situation now stands, the bill methods without shaping anew the will pass the House by a fairly large very foundation of the present school structure. Educators have in Then, the controversy in the Son- the past followed the beaten trail ate will begin. Already, the intense without courage enough, save in a feeling in that body has broken out few isolated cases that stand as beain repeated preliminary discussions. con lights, to undertake new prob-

cut short by any rule of cloture. It is a labor of immense difficulty Under the rules of the Senate, which to carry out any project whereby have their uses in spite of critics, every child shall know what the emthere will be full and ample room ployments are for which he may be for argument pro and con and by fitted and at the same time give such

else will have had full time to make leaving the labor market unorganizup their minds. Probably by that ed. The labor exchange, perhaps, time we shall have a pretty accurate will become a thing of the future. index as to how the people of the From the viewpoint of the child wel-United States feel about it. And it fare worker, however, the placeis a reasonably safe guess that if ment of a child at labor is far less the Senate feels the people are important than to reduce the causes against the repeat measure it will which send juveniles into premature not pass and if it feels the people employment. Just how far legislaare for the measure and with the tion may go and just how far school authorities may go is yet uncertain, The whole history of legislation but that the schools must, in time, and especially the history of legisla- undergo changes is clear. Germany tion in recent years, with the grow- in this respect has become the model ing progressivism of the Senate, which educators are watching careshows that legislation is not enact- fully. The tremendous task of co ed when it leaves the House. Gen- tinuation and part time school work, erally, it is only begun. Proof of together with labor bureaus which this can be found in study of the find places for graduates, has been course of railroad rate legislation or undertaken with notable success tariff legislation or currency legis- and with it the technical training lation within the last several years. German schools are giving their This being so, it more and more pupils can hardly be equaled. Most clearly appears that the forcing on promising among the efforts to solve the House of the gag rule which cut this problem is the system of conto a few days the debate over one of sultation hours for parents where a the most important measures before municipal bureau consults with par-Congress in recent years, was inde- ent and pupil as to the industrial fensible, even if viewed from the conditions and the demand for workstandpoint of expediency alone. It ers and gives advice as to the par-

But the greater problem of shaping the curriculum to meet such conditions, without scrapping entirely the school equipment, would still remain to be solved. Notable among dren in Washington than in any It is announced by the Bureau of the experiments along this line is other city in the United States. Education that at the Conference for that undertaken by the city of meet at Louisville April 7-10, a ence of an inspired school official. Lafayette park, Dupont circle, educational forces in the rural dis- child of foreign-born parents preing in view of the attempt which is ance. Public enterprise will solve residential part of town to find this! the problem in time. Put it will re-The announcement is made that quire the correlation of social plan-

## MAIL BAG

(From The Times Readers.)

Your editorial, "The Clash in Ulster," settlement of a dispute. paper. There may have been others.

operative enterprises. Experienced as fereign to its soil as are the Spanworkers will conduct clubs for boys estates confiscated by force of urms, but ing in the sand with a baby son of a and girls. There will be demonstra- a few generations ago? That the 'tyrantions of the country home, showing ny" which they fear from a Dublin government cannot, under the safeguards of the home rule bill, be half so onerous activities and industries; and school and oppressive as the tyranny an Ulsand church demonstrations to show ter landlord can today exercise against what co-operative effort can do in an unfortunate and rack-rented tenant

to keep its pledges and to face defeat

# resentative teachers and school officials, will hold a joint meeting with Parks and Streets of Washington Are the conference. The Conference. Melting Pot of Children's Democracy



VINSON WALSH McLEAN.

Sons of Aristocrats and Those of Royal Blood Hobnob With Sturdy America in Games and Quarrels.

By MARY EDNA NOYES. There are more interesting chil-

One has only to stroll through ticut avenue, Columbia road, or out. On a bright day this part of

Usually by 10 o'clock in the morning every available bench is taken in the parks, and the maids gather in groups to chat and embroider, stopping occasionally to catch a runaway or act as judge in

Gathering of the Nations.

These little Washington bables are not Landlordism dies hard, and always tries always real Washingtonians. That is why they run away and become involved in wordy battles and sometimes

> in the same park one may see the young son of a foreign diplomat play-Western millionaire. In a moment Congress will appear, and, before you know it, there is a gathering representative of several different countries, one possibly of royal birth, another of particularly aristocratle lineage, and maybe

father got the vote away off in some remote State.

If you ask the maids—and they are usually a charming group of women-they will tell you that children are children, and the foreign diplomat's youngster is just as apt to engage in a Odd Fellows-Eastern Lodge, so. 7; Har-fist battle as the youngster whose mony, No. 9; Friendship, No. 12, and

left, after all, to the observer to make left, after all, to the observer to make his own decision in the matter.

Children are decidedly fashionable at the National Capital, and the White House is responsible, as it is for most Washington fashions. Before the Administration was a week old the sound of baby prattle rang through the venerable halls as it had not since the early able halls as it had not since the since they were just of her mother's country, is as pretty as a little flower. John, who is nine thildren, well dressed and well bred.

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A stray dog came along and they was a little flower. John, who is nine thi much that they do not know fear, and the animals seem to appreciate the fact, for no matter how ugly the brute, he always can forget himself long enough to wag his tail and to lick a child's hand. Anthony is about ten years old and his sister is a year younger. These children play in the parks in most days of the Rooseveit regime. Four !!ttle children were counted among the earliest of the "house guests" of the Executive Mansion, and a poll of the

"Official Baby" of White House. However, the White House bables are abroad now. Little Josephine Cothran, the President's grandniece, is about two years old, and she is really the "of ficial baby" of the White House. Little

democratic manner, and they seem to enjoy being in the United States. They loved it at Dublin, N. H., last summer, but they like the seaside better.

Perfect Little Britishers. must tell about the little Heathcote ride. This interesting young person Grants. They are my ideals of a per- has two sweethearts already.

What's on Program This Week

Enights of Pythias—Equal Lodge, No. Maccabers—National Tent, No. 1, Mt non, No. 4, Anacostia, No. 7. Odd Feilows-Union Losige, No. 11; Coven ant. No. 12; Beacon, No. 15; and Long don, No. 13; Illustrated lecture, "Mind to Moulder." J. A Holmes, Home Ciub, 14 Jackson place

northwest. Concert, United States Soldiers' Home Band Stanley Hall, Soldiers Home, 5:30 p. m. Meeting, Central Labor Union, T; pograpri-cal Temple, 8 p. m.

Knights of Pythias Webster Lodge, No. Maccabees-Brightwood Tent. No 5. Odd Fellows-Washington Lodge. No. Golden Rule, No. 21, and Amity, No. 2 Open house and dancing. Home Club.

WEDNESDAY Meetings, evenings: Masonic-Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14: Osiris, No. 26; King Solomen, No. 21; East Gate, No. 24. Columbia Chapter, No. 21, and Brightwood, No. 5, Royal Arch Potonuc Commandery, No. 5, Krights Templar, All Fools' Ceremonial, Ka'll-Knights of Pythias—Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 5, and Union, No. 22. Priendship Temple, No. 9, Pythian Sisters. Washington Company, No. 1, Uniform Rank.

Federal City, No. 20. Mt. Nebo Encamp-Masonic-Ceremonial session, Almas Temple Mystle Shrine, National Rifles Armory, 7:30 National Union-Extension of the order com-mittee, headquarters. Entertainment by the General Land Office,

> THURSDAY Masonie Naval Lodge, No. 4, Hiram, No. 16, Lafayette, No. 19, George C Whiting and William R. Singleton, No. 20, Monthly meeting Masonic Board of Relief, Eather Chapter, No. 5, Eastern Star. Knights of Pythias-Franklin Lodge, No. 2, J. P. Coldwell Company, ...o. 7, Uniform

Maccabers District Tent, No. 1 Odd Fellows Excelsion Lodge, No. 17, lumbia, No. 18, and Salem, No. 22, National Union-William H. Collins Council. FRIDAY. Meetings, evening: Maconic-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, and Lab

anon, No. 7. Grand Chapter School of In-aron, No. 2. Grand Chapter School of In-struction, Royal Arch. Columbia Com-manders, No. 2. Knights Templar. Martha Chapter, No. 3. Eastern Star. Knights of Pythias-Syracusians Loige, No. 10. Rathbone Temple, No. 8. Pythian Sis-Odd Fellows-Central Lodge, No. 1: Metro polis, No. 16, and Phoenix, No. 18, Megenenu Encampment, No. 1, Mirlain odge, No. 6, Rebecca.

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SATURDAY

Has Two Sweethearts. James McMillan Gibson is one of the

brightest boys I know. While only four years of age, he is already riding horseback. Twice a week, "Jimmie Club, where "his man" puts him on a And in speaking of English children, "real big horse" and they go for a long Virginia Peyton Howe is a year older fect type of little Britishers. They five months ago he only had one and Virginia Peyton Howe is a year older than her cousin Josephine. She has a brother, Joseph Wilson Howe, jr., who is her hero these days.

But to go back to the little children who are seen on the streets—well, there are the son and daughter of the British ambassador and Lady Spring-Rice. Anthony and Bettie. When I passed they won't come back. Captain Grant Captain Grant The newst sweetheart is Jimmie's baby in the parks.

fect type of little Britishers. They have been in this country a couple have been in this country a couple have been the this country a couple have been the the couple have been the father. Capt. Heathcote Grant, the naval attache of the British embassy, was ordered to duty here, and I'm sorry to say, they have just this month returned to their home in Scotland for the summer and they won't come back. Captain Grant The neewst sweetheart is Jimmie's baby is later. Mary Preston Gibson, who is Anthony and Bettie. When I passed them near Dupont circle one morning, as they were out tramping with their governess, Miss Holmes, who came over from England with the family last spring, I had no idea whose they were. They were just two charmingly sweet kiddles whose clothes rather suggested England to me, but that was after some one had mentioned the fact that they were the Spring-Rice children. To all gave a garden party at Calumet Place, Jean Curtis stood in line and received guests and had a word for everyone. In addition to being a splendid hostess, Jean Curtis is an ideal mother. She has a large family of dolls who do not suffer from neglect

Sturdy Young America.

For a beautiful type of sturdy young America, Vinson Walsh McLean is ideal. He has been heralded from coast to coast and country to country as the '\$100,000,000 baby," but it has not affected young Vinson. He is sweet-natured generous, and as handsome as he car be. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs Edward Beale McLean, and a grand-nephew of the wife of the Russian ambassador, Mme. Bakhmeteff. Vinson just four years old, and an only child He has been riding a pony for nearly a year now. His love of animals seems quite natural, for both his parents are exteremly fond of horses and dogs, and Every sort of animal that can be had is among Vinson's collection. He has ducks among vinson's collection. He has ducks and geese, and even a crans. He knows them all by name, too. In the summer, when the family are at Newpoor, vinson has a wonderful time with hit the glayfellows, but, just the same, he father likes the wintertime, and always longs for the snow so be can go sleighing.

### Paralysis Is Fatal To Former Policeman

Lee Randolph Witt, a retired police man, died at the Casualty Hospital to day, following a stroke of paralysis Witt was attached to the Sixth precinct for ten years. He was a Virginian by birth, having been born in Bedford City. in 1862. He is survived by a widow and five children.

## Truths By Women Who Know Girls Who Help Their Sisters. The Junior League of Washington

Today's article on the Junior League of Washington, an organization of young girls, is from the able pen of Mrs. John W. Thompson, a bride of less than a year. She tells of the work of the organization in aiding those less fortunate.

By ELIZABETH NOYES THOMPSON.

The Junior League of the City of Washington is an organisation or young girls who are joined together for the general purpose of helping

Jeagues in Boston, Chicago, Cleve-land, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. The spirit of this work has tavaded Canada and a league flourishes in Montreal. And a New York Junior-Leaguer who married and went to live in Holland, even

Work Is Divided.

The special aim of our league is to

10. The Junior League Country Club, which is the summer camp In the spring large parties of poor children are taken for a day's out children are taken for a day's outing and pionic luncheon. During July and August it is used as a real camp for shop girls, who pay the nominal sum of \$3 a week and receive all the advantages of the finest summer camps. Here, under care of a young girl, who is manager, they play basbetball, baseball, croquet, and various other healthy games; bowl, swim, or take long walks in the pine woods nearby. There are also hammocks, books, and shady places to sit and sew and rest.

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This camp we hope to make large and attractive and self-supporting, so that the girls will not feel that it is a charity. And we ask the co-operation of all organizations te tell the girls about our camp—that it is a safe, splendid place for them to spend the hot summer months; and to help support the poorer girls who may not be able to afford even the \$3 a week.

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During the winter these girls meet once a week in our clubroom for an evening party, so we strive to bring more pleasure into their lives and make them feel we are their friends all the year round.

This is our chief work, for it is these strips so near our own ages. these girls, so near our own ages, so like us in everything but wealth

MRS. JOHN W. THOMPSON.

Our league has progressed ra-the past few months. Until the had only a temporary organiza-testing the work and the wor At the last meeting we elected cers for the year: President, Mrs. John William Thompson; vice presidents, Miss Marjoric Russ and Miss general secretary, Miss Ruth Larner treasurer, Miss Frances Carpenter.

The board of managers is com posed of these executive officers and the chairmen of all the committ At our monthly meetings we arrithe league work and decide all it

## **Nursery Association** To Hold Easter Fair

An Easter fair and sliver tea for the benefit of the Day Nursery and Dispensary Association will be given at the home of Mrs. H. H. Hazen, 1709 S street northwest, Tuceday afterno illinery will be included in the sale. The committee in charge of the af-fair consists of Mrs. G. H. Van Buren, Mrs. Clarence Dodge, Mrs. C. H. Tay-lor, Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Mrs. A. D. Meivin, Mrs. H. H. Hazen, Mrs. C. A. Chendler, Mrs. Eunice James, Mrs. E. C. Rogers and Mrs. A. E. Heiss.

## **Knights of Columbus** To Aid Infant Orphans

Keane Council, Knights of Columbus, with the Ladies' Auxiliary, met at the K. of C. hall last night for reports of committees in charge of the donation party and ball to be given for the benefit of St. Ann's Infant Asylum, on April 22. Every parish in the city is to help in the work.

## Evening Services in the Churches

"THE BEST METHOD OF SERVING GOD"-The Rev. Howard Hannaford, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue and N street northwest, 8 p. m.

WHAT PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE"-The Rev. Dr. J. C. Palmer, Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, Kalorama avenue and Columbia road, 7:45 p. m.

"THE UPLIFTED CHRIST"-The Rev. Paul R. Hickok, Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Fourth and B streets southeast, 7:45 p. m.

PRAYER"-The Rev. Dr. H. E. Brundage, Eckington Presbyterian Church, North Capitol street and Florida avenue, 7:45 p. m. WHERE THERE IS NO VISION"-The Rev. B. D. Gaw, West Washington

Baptist Church, Thirty-first and Natreets northwest, 7:45 p. m. MEN IN MIND"-The Rev. J. J. Muir, Temple Baptist Church, Tenth and N streets northwest, 7:45 p. m.

"PRESIDENT WILSON'S FOURTEEN UNEXPECTED WORDS"\_The Rev. E. Hez Swem, Centennial Baptist Church, Eighth and I streets northwest,

"WHEN JESUS WEPT"-The Rev. John Compton Ball, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets northwest, 7:45 p. m.

"CONFIRMING OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST"-The Rev. Dr. Lucius C. Clark, Hamline M. E. Church, Ninth and P streets northwest, 8 p. m.

LESSONS FROM FAMILIAR POEMS"-The Rev. Dr. James S. Montgomery, Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church, John Marshall place and C

"PAUL AT DAMASCUS-CHANGED"-The Rev. S. Townsend Weaver, Grace M. E. Church, Ninth and S streets northwest, 8 p. m.

"THE EQUITY OF THE DIVINE CLAIM"-The Rev. A. H. Thompson, Waugh M. E. Church, Third and A streets northeast, 7:30 p. m. "LIFE'S UNPURCHASABLES"-The Rev. Dr. Clarence A. Vincent, Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, Columbia road near Fourteenth street,

"CHRIST, OUR PRIEST"-By the Rev. Thomas David Williams, at St. Anthony's Church, Brookland, 8 p. m.